471. Mr. C. A. Ouseph.—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) the names of officers, if any, to whom increments of salary, over and above what they were entitled to draw in the ordinary course, have been allowed since 2nd Medam 1100, without written requests for same from the officers concerned;

(b) and the reasons for allowing the increment in each case?

Mr. A. K. Vengu Ayyar.—(a) & (b). A statement containing the information is appended. (*Vide Appendix IV.*)

472. Mr. C. A. Ouseph.—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) the names of officers whose salaries have been recommended by the Head of Department concerned to be increased over and above what they were entitled to draw in the ordinary course;

(b) the orders passed by the Government in each case in (a) of the previous question?

Mr. A. K. Vengu Ayyar.—No satisfactory answer can be given to the question as it is indefinite and as no mention is made of the period for which the information is asked for.

Mr. C. A. Ouseph.—I have to raise a similar complaint as that of yesterday. If my question is not definite, they can send it back to me. If these two are read together, you can find that the period referred to is 2nd Medam 1100. If it is indefinite, it could have been sent back to me. Now they say that it is indefinite and that, therefore, they cannot answer it.

President.—Yes.

Contribution to the Cheruvirutti Ayurvedic Hospital.

473. Mr. C. A. Kunjunni Raja.—In the letter and the Proceedings referred to in Appendix VII A & B to answer to question No. 138 of the legislative session of 1102, there is no time-limit fixed for the contribution of Rs. 30,000 referred to in para 4 of the Diwan's Proceedings.

Will the Government be pleased to state why it is that the Government did not contribute Rs. 2,379-1-3?

Mr. A. K. Vengu Ayyar.—The Member is referred to the answer to question No. 138, sub-division (d) of the legislative session of 1102.

Mr. C. A. Kunjunni Raja.—My question remains unanswered. I refer to the answer given to question No. 138 in the last legislative session. There the answer is "The Samajam was told that the annual contribution promised in the letterjdated 21st October 1914 was not for all times." My question is "In the letter and the Proceedings, referred to in Appendix VIII A and B to answer to question No. 138 of the

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legislative session of 1102, there is no time limit fixed for the contribution of Rs. 30,000 referred to in para 4 of the Diwan's Proceedings which runs thus:—" The Darbar are also prepared to make a contribution to the funds of the Samajam limited to one-third of the actual collections otherwise made on this account by the Samajam, subject, however, to the restriction that such contribution shall, on no account, exceed Rs. 30,000 and will be made in four annual instalments....." In order that the facts may be made a little clearer, will the Government be pleased to state why they did not contribute Rs. 2,000 and odd?

Mr. A. K. Vengu Ayyar.—That letter was subsequent to the letter which was referred to in the answer. That information was given to the Samajam after the date of the letter in that Proceedings.

President.—Is there not an understanding that the Samajam should be given one-third of the contributions that they get?

Mr. A. K. Vengu Ayyar.—Subject to certain modifications.

Mr. C. A. Kunjunni Raja.—What is the modification?

Mr. A. K. Vengu Ayyar.—A portion of the amount collected by them would be paid to them in four annual instalments beginning from a particular year.

President.—Is there a liability on the Government to pay a portion of the contribution, which, I belive, is one-third? Suppose they collected Rs. 10,000; then, they will have to be paid one-third of that amount.

Mr. A. K. Vengu Ayyar.—One-third of that amount was paid in the first instance.

President.—Suppose there was a subsequent collection, say Rs. 6,000. Is not the Government liable to pay one-third of that amount also?

Mr. A. K. Vengu Ayyar.—No, that was not the understanding.

President.—So the contribution is only to the first collection. What I understand, Mr. Raja, from the Secretary is this: On the first collection, whatever it is, a contribution will be paid, whenever they ask for it, i. e., one-third of the contribution, and the contribution ceases after the first payment.

Mr. C. A. Kunjunni Raja.—So the contribution will be paid only on the first collection. I referred to the Proceedings. It does not say so. I referred to the first letter of the Diwan. (Appendix VII A). There is also a subsequent Proceedings (Para 4 of VII B) from which it is quite clear that the Government was bound to contribute one-third. I want to know why it was not given. These Proceedings make it quite clear.

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Mr. A. K. Vengu Ayyar.—When the annual contributions began to be paid, subsequent to this letter referred to by the Hon'ble Member, the Diwan considered the matter, and a letter was sent to them to inform them that this contribution was not intended for all time.

President.—Was there any objection raised?

Mr. A. K. Vengu Ayyar.—No, Sir.

Mr. C. A. Kunjunni Raja.—May I know when it was sent?

Mr. A. K. Vengu Ayyar.—I have not got the file now. I shall give you the information later.

The Cochin Government.

474. **Mr. K. T. Mathew.**—In Vol. II, part 24, page 1968, it was stated on behalf of the Government that the matter of defining "Cochin Government" and making its meaning clear would be considered by the Government. Will the Government now be pleased to inform whether this matter has been considered by the Government, as promised, and what is the definition now settled upon, and state the names of those that constitute the Government now, and further to state whether there is any difference between "the Government of Cochin" and "Our Government", and if there is any difference, what is it?

Mr. A. K. Vengu Ayyar.— The Government considered the question but are unable to make the meaning clearer than what has been stated already. There is no difference between "The Government of Cochin" and "Our Government".

Mr. K. T. Mathew.—What is the difficulty felt by the Government in making the meaning of the word "Government" quite clear?

Mr. A. K. Vengu Ayyar.—The Government have already stated that they are unable to explain it more clearly.

Mr. K. T. Mathew.—What is the inability due to?

Mr. A. K. Vengu Ayyar.— How is it possible to explain an inability?

Mr. K. T. Mathew.—Why is the Government unable?

Mr. A. K. Vengu Ayyar.—Because it is unable.

Mr. K. T. Mathew.—Is it because the Government have not got an Advocate to refer the matter to?

President.—That does not arise.

Mr. K. T. Mathew.—Then, what is the inability due to?

President.—He says that it is due to inability.

Mr. K. T. Mathew.—What is the inability?

President.—Inability is inability itself.

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